

DNREC's Division of Parks & Recreation offers special holiday programs and events Dec. 24 – Jan 1

DOVER – You don't have to hibernate over the holidays this year if you get out and get moving in Delaware's state parks. From "First Day Hikes," to "Zoo Camp," to "Stroller Rollers," there is plenty to do and see in DNREC's state parks over the winter break from Christmas Eve through New Year's Day.

Children who love animals will be thrilled to attend Zoo Camp at the Brandywine Zoo on Dec. 27 and 28. During "Winter Wonders" half day camp, kids will find out all how animals survive during the winter– which ones stay awake, and those who sleep. On Dec. 28, the "Zoo Crew" can spend a half-day learning what it's like to be a zookeeper. For more information about Zoo Camp, including programs, ages, fees, and registration visit <https://BrandywineZoo.org/Camps>.

Start your new year off right taking a "First Day Hike." As a family, or on your own, experience the newest trail at Delaware's newest state park, Auburn Heights State Park in Yorklyn, or take a "Stories of the Green Walking Tour," at First State Heritage Park, or learn about "the Point," the northeastern tip of Cape Henlopen State Park. Numerous other "First Day Hike" opportunities are offered in 10 other state parks throughout the state. For specific times and parks, visit <https://www.destateparks.com/Programs> or call: 302-739-9200.

Bellevue State Park is a haven paved with paths and lots of areas to explore nature with your toddlers, perfect for strollers, so enjoy "Stroller Rollers," designed for children

12 months to three years old. Be introduced to the wonders of nature and expand your child's cognitive and interactive skills as you venture through the park and learn how you, as parents, can facilitate early learning experiences to teach an appreciation of nature.

Attend the "Winter Break Out: Who Let the Snakes Out?" at Killens Pond State Park, and find out how park staff care for the amphibians and reptiles at the park's Nature Center. Create some favorite meals to help our feathered friends throughout the winter at Cape Henlopen State Park during "Holiday for the Birds." If you've picked up a few pounds during the holidays, "Walk It Off" at Bellevue State Park on Monday mornings. Information and charts to track your progress are available.

For more information about these and all of the many other programs going on in Delaware's state parks over the holidays, visit <https://www.destateparks.com/Programs> or call: 302-739-9200.

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